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WORKFORCE HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE TO MEET

PIERRE – The Workforce Housing Study Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, in Room 413 of the State Capitol in Pierre beginning at 10:00 AM (CDT).

The committee was assigned the tasks of studying the need for workforce housing in the state, especially in the rural areas, and looking for ways the state might address that need. The study includes a review of existing housing programs offered by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and other entities.

At this meeting, the committee will again look at the workforce housing shortages impacting communities within the state. The members will hear from several developers regarding the issues they face in developing affordable housing. The committee will learn about tax credits and tax increment financing, and the roles they play in providing affordable housing. A couple county officials will be on hand to discuss tax deeds and tax deed sales, and information will be provided to the committee on recent legislation from other states that addresses the workforce housing issue. The public is invited to attend. Public testimony will be taken in the afternoon.

The complete agenda is available at the Legislative Research Council website: www.sdlegislature.gov.

Workforce Housing Study Committee members include: Committee Chair, Representative David Lust (R- Rapid City); Committee Vice Chair, Senator Ryan Maher (R-Isabel); Senators Terri Haverly (R-Rapid City), Kevin Killer (D-Pine Ridge), and Jeff Monroe (R-Pierre); Representatives Roger D. Chase (R-Huron), Jason W. Kettwig (R-Milbank), Sean McPherson (R-Rapid City), Sue Peterson (R-Sioux Falls), Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland), Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls), Charles M. Turbiville (R-Deadwood), and Susan Wismer (D-Britton).

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